

Embracing **HOPE**



3 December 2017
Worship Arts Team
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

Embracing Hope

Order of Service

December 3, 2017

*** Please rise in body or in spirit**

Please see one of our greeters if you would like to use a set of headphones, a large-print order of service or hymnal.

Music for Gathering

Vanessa Vesely

Welcome and Announcements

Lori Fatchet-McGee
Commissioned Lay Minister

Chime and Chalice Lighting

Determined Seed, by Laura Wallace

Opening Music

Sonatine, G Major for Piano and Violin, by A. Dvorak
Shirley Kiernan, violin and Vanessa Vesely, piano

Call to Worship

Kathy Kerns, Worship Associate

*Opening Hymn

#1008 *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*

*Unitarian Universalist Covenant

by James Vila Blake

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.
This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

*From all that dwell below the skies, let songs of hope and faith arise;
let peace, good will on earth be sung, through every land by every tongue.*

Time for All Ages

Two Frogs, by Christopher Buice
Colleen Thoele, Religious Education Coordinator

Singing the Children to Class

*You've got the light of Love inside you
Go on your way in peace
So, shine that light, this whole world now awaits you
Go on your way in peace (2x)
You know, we hold you, we hold you, yes, we hold you.*

Hope Ritual, Part 1

Eric van Baars

Silence and Embracing Meditation

Prayer by Alice Anacheka-Nasemann

Musical Meditation *May I Suggest*, by S. Werner
Saunis Parsons and Blaine Vesely, vocals and Vanessa Vesely, piano

Reading *Keeping Our Connections Strong*
by Sean Parker Dennison
Kathy Kerns

Homily *Embracing Hope*
Lori Fatchet-McGee

*Hymn of Affirmation #1009 *Meditation on Breathing*

Hope Ritual, Part 2

Offering and Offertory *Hope*, by F. Mendelssohn

*Responsive Reading *What To Do When Nothing Can Be Done*
by Barbara Pescan

It is possible to have faith that you are enough; to know that life is what it is, and it is enough.

Our leaning toward faith and faithfulness is a life posture that may be the conscious aspect of all the tropisms of the living world— birds don't live very long, but each day they sing at the first light of mornings. The flower lasts only a few days, but each day flowers lean toward the sun.

The taproot reaches for the water far below the surface of dry ground; the profligacy of nature makes far more squirrels and insects than seems reasonable so that some of them will survive to make more.

Faith just may be the aware, human aspect of Life's wanting more life, in all its joy and tragedy, in all its sadness, disappointment and grief, in all its finality. All its brevity and beauty.

*Closing Hymn *There Is More Love Somewhere*
African American hymn
Led by Saunis Parsons

*Benediction from Rev. Jack Bryant

Judy's cover art inspiration came from the Emily Dickinson poem, "Hope is the thing with feathers. . ."

*Next Week: The Way of Compassion: Jesus and Buddha as Brothers
Led by Rev. Tim Temerson with Worship Associate Lisa Thiel*

VISITORS - Welcome! We are glad you are here. Thank you for participating in worship with us today. We hope that you will find a spiritual home here and that you will be enriched in the liberal religious practice and heritage of Unitarian Universalism. The members of this church take pride in the fact that we embrace people of all races, ethnicities, ages, creeds, sexual orientations, and abilities. In addition, we are a “Welcoming Congregation,” which means that we have taken part in a special program, designed by the UUA, for congregations that see a need to become more inclusive towards bisexual, gay, lesbian, and/or transgender people. This congregation is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The principles and purposes of the UUA, which we “covenant to affirm and promote,” can be found in the front of the hymnal, on the UUA website (www.uua.org), and on bookmarks available in the front entryway.

We are concerned about everyone's safety.

If we need to evacuate the building for a fire drill or for any other reason, please follow the directions of the worship leader. Parents and guardians should look for their children on the grassy area behind the annex and should not go to the classrooms. People with mobility concerns or other special needs should proceed to the Founders' Lounge where evacuation assistance will be available.

Church Office: The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex next to the church building. Church Office hours are: Monday -Friday 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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